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In re Application of

Raja Singh Tuli, et al.

Application No. 10/716,796 : DECISION ON REQUEST FOR

Filed: November 20, 2003 : REVOCATION OF POWER

Attorney Docket No. : OF ATTORNEY

This is a decision on the Request to Revoke the attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(a), filed December 18, 2008.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

A power of attorney, pursuant to § 1.32(b), may be revoked at any stage in the proceeding of a case by an applicant for patent (§ 1.41(b)) or an assignee of the entire interest of the applicant under § 3.71(b). Fewer than all of the applicants (or by fewer than the assignee of the entire interest of the applicant) may only revoke the power of attorney upon a showing of sufficient cause, and payment of the petition fee set forth § 1.17(h). For the assignee to take action a proper statement under § 3.73(b) is required.

The request cannot be approved because the statement under 3.73(b) is not proper or no statement under 3.73(b) was filed.

In order for an assignee to take action in a case before the Office, compliance with 37 CFR 3.73(b) must be satisfied. More specifically, 37 CFR 3.73(b) provides that: (1) when an assignee seeks to take action in a matter before the Office, the assignee must establish its ownership of the property to the satisfaction of the Commissioner; (2) ownership is established by submitting to the Office, in the Office file related to the matter in which action is sought to be taken, documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (e.g., copy of an executed assignment submitted for recording) or by specifying (e.g., reel and frame number) where such evidence is recorded in the Office; (3) the submission establishing ownership must be signed by a party authorized to act on behalf of the assignee; and (4) documents submitted to establish ownership may be required to be recorded as a condition to permitting the assignee to

take action in a matter pending before the Office. A blank 37 CFR 3.73(b) accompanies this decision.

An unsigned amendment (or other paper) or one not properly signed by a person having authority to prosecute the application is not entered. This applies, for instance, where the amendment (or other paper) is signed by only one of **two applicants and the one signing has not been given a power of attorney** by the other applicant.

Therefore, as the power of attorney and correspondence address indication form is not signed by all the inventors and the record herein fails to disclose that petitioner herein (Raja Singh Tuli) was ever given a power of attorney to act on behalf of inventor Ricardo Izquierdo, or that he is an assignee of the entire interest and has complied with the provisions of 37 CFR 3.73(b), the power of attorney and correspondence address indication form is considered improper.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at 571-272-1642.

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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 18, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he/she is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he/she acts. However, if petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner. Nevertheless, all future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the address of record until otherwise instructed

It is not apparent whether the statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay was unintentional, petitioner must make such an inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must so notify the Office.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed, May 29, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for a reply of three (3) months. The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2), an amendment that prima facie places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination and submission

(37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(A)(2). No extensions of time under the provisions 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on August 30, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee of \$405, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$810; and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

In view of the above, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The power of attorney submitted with the petition on December 18, 2008 is not accepted. In order for an assignee to take action in a case before the Office, compliance with 37 CFR 3.73(b) must be satisfied. More specifically, 37 CFR 3.73(b) provides that: (1) when an assignee seeks to take action in a matter before the Office, the assignee must establish its ownership of the property to the satisfaction of the Commissioner; (2) ownership is established by submitting to the Office, in the Office file related to the matter in which action is sought to be taken, documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (e.g., copy of an executed assignment submitted for recording) or by specifying (e.g., reel and frame number) where such evidence is recorded in the Office; (3) the submission establishing ownership must be signed by a party authorized to act on behalf of the assignee; and (4) documents submitted to establish ownership may be required to be recorded as a condition to permitting the assignee to take action in a matter pending before the Office. A blank 37 CFR 3.73(b) accompanies this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-1642.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2813 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

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Attachment: blank 37 CFR 3.73(b)

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